



Camp Kick Ash (October 2012)\_



Kuskokwim Sky Riders Ground School (May 2013)



Math Science Expedition (September 2012)\_

# EXCEL Alaska

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## MISSION

EXCEL Alaska will provide high school students and young adults with the necessary transitional skills and career exploration opportunities to be successful in our ever-changing world. This will be accomplished through increasing each student's knowledge in a wide variety of areas including personal, social and career development, service training, urban familiarization, leadership, character, and life skills development. EXCEL Alaska students will transition into adulthood with a viable Personal Learning & Career Plan, Occupational Endorsements, National Employability Certificates and dual college credits.

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## EXCEL 7 – Introduction to Leadership

**(3 days).** As an introduction to EXCEL Alaska, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a 3-day Leadership Skills immersion that will help them succeed far into the future. Communication skills and teamwork are the main area of focus. Students will leave EXCEL 7 with effective tools to communicate and build relationships with a variety of people.

## EXCEL 8 – Leadership Essentials

**(3 days).** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a more in-depth look at what it means to be a leader. They continue building on the communication and teamwork skills they learned in EXCEL 7 and learn essential consensus-building techniques, as well as how to motivate each other. They will build long-lasting friendship and set themselves up for success far into the future.

## EXCEL 9 – Communication/Career

**Exploration (5 days).** Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will have the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths through interactive field trips and job tours. They begin building a Personal Learning Career Plan that aligns with the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan proposed by both the Alaska Department of Labor and Department of Labor.

## EXCEL 10 – Corporation/Leadership

**(10 days).** 10<sup>th</sup> grade students take an in-depth look at the structure of business as well as participate in a simulated corporation, which provides them the opportunity to apply for a specific position within the corporation, be interviewed for the job and carry out the duties of the position during their 10-day stay. Additionally, they will participate in job-shadowing careers of their choice as well as learn valuable life & employability skills such as budgeting, time-management, teamwork and problem solving.

## EXCEL 11 – High-growth Industry

**Exploration (10 days).** 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students spend 10 days test-driving Alaska's high-growth industries such as, construction, mining, oil & gas, healthcare, transportation, and hospitality & tourism. Following a similar

outline and schedule as EXCEL 10, all learning activities will be geared toward a specific industry.

## EXCEL 12 – Transitions/Independent Living

**(10 days).** 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to practice real-life, independent living for the entire 10 days, including building a budget, renting an apartment, buying & cooking their own food, as well as learning how to purchase a vehicle. They will be applying for schools, financial aid, and scholarships.



# XL SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

## Camp Kick Ash

**(23 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Intro to Firefighting and Emergency Trauma Technician Training. 4 college credits, Fire Fighter Internship Certification and Emergency Trauma Technician Training. Hands on and Fun.

## Academic Decathlon

**(4 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Competition in Math, Science, Speech, Essay, Social Studies, Keyboarding, Constructive Engineering, Super Quiz, iMovie Design, and other fun activities. Awards, Medals, Great Times.

## Kuskokwim Sky Rider Ground School

**(23 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Preparation for the FAA Ground School Test with support through the process. Also 2 - 30 minute introductory flight lessons. 4 college credits and FAA certification (pending outcome)

## XL Summer Camp (4 Weeks).

HSGQE Exit Exam preparation and post secondary planning and guidance. In addition, students have the choice of either culinary arts, construction trades, civil construction, Emergency Trauma Technician training. Some college credits provided.

## Math/Science Expedition

**(10 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Fish Biology, Scientific Process, and Mathematics along with leadership and team building skills in a remote wilderness setting in Western Alaska.

## Camp Kick Ash II

**(23 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Part 2 of the first camp. EMT I Preparation. Focus is on State Certification. 3 college credits. Twice the challenge as the first camp. Twice the fun.

## Heavy Equipment Camp

**(14 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Training on Front End Loaders, fork lifts, excavators, and bulldozer simulators. Includes NCCER certification Level 1 in Heavy Equipment Operations.

## Welding Camp

**(14 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Training introductory welding experiences in oxygen-acetylene cutting and other oxy-fuel processes. Experiences in welding joint designs. Includes NCCER certification Level I in Welding.

## Construction Camp

**(14 days) sponsored by Kuspuk School District**

Beginning Level Construction Class designed to teach students the basic information and techniques that apply to the Construction Industry. Experience gained in accurate measuring, blueprint reading, and safe use of tools. Includes floor, wall, ceiling and roof framing. Door and window installation as well. Includes NCCER certification CORE..